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September 2014 Edition

From the President

Well it is the start of the fall season again, and things are in full swing with the club. As you may have seen on the reflector, we are planning for the build-a-thon at the November meeting. We will be discussing the kits at this meeting so come prepared for suggestions and be prepared to order your kit.

Also we are still looking for a couple of volunteers for the open officer positions at the December election. The openings are for Vice President, Treasurer, and Board member at-large. Please consider how you may help in one of them and volunteer - or if you know of someone that you think would be a great fit, let us know and we can contact them.

At our meeting coming up on Oct 4th, Steve Ulrich, NW0C, will be presenting on working with surface mount components, so I hope to see you there. Remember to also bring your projects and stories to share.

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September Meeting Minutes

Chuck Stroud, KA8HDE, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. 17 were in attendance.

Old Business:

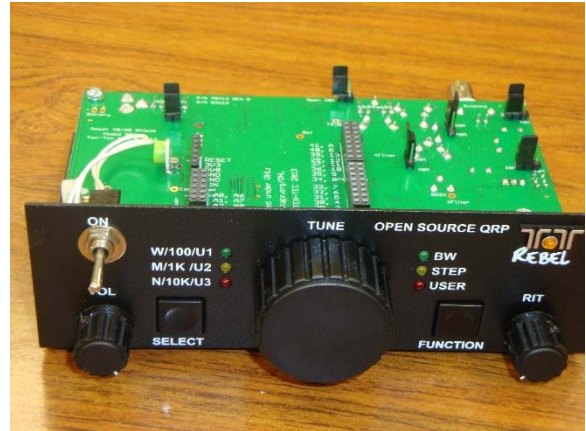
- August meeting minutes were approved.
- The Treasurer, Paul Bushouse, N0TYE, reports that the balance is \$1717.18.
- The November Build-A-Thon was discussed. Craig, AA0ZZ, suggested a simple receiver and also that the latest version of his keyer would not be available in time. Tools from Hendricks were also suggested. If the members have any suggestions please let us know.
- There is a need for some new positions come the December election. The VP, Treasurer and Member at Large are all up. Paul, Bushouse, N0TYE, said he would be glad to fill the Treasurer position for another term.

New Business:

- Paul Bushouse, N0TYE, told us that he has been working on a club survey which will be posted to Survey Monkey in the near future. He would appreciate each member taking the time to fill one out.
- Leon Dill, W0COE, asked about the possibility of getting some club name tags. Orcy Lyle, W0QT, said she had the name of a company that could do this for us and would send it over to Chuck Stroud, KA8HDE.

Show & Tell

John Krawczak, KJ0P, brought in his newly acquired TenTec Rebel. This is a QRP, Arduino based CW transceiver. John explained how it operates and how to change between 20 & 40 meters (board jumpers). John tells us that there are numerous forums associated with this radio for those interested in experimenting. He also reports that the receiver is solid and stable. John intends to use the radio for portable operation this fall.



Leon Dill, W0COE, brought in 3.5mm stereo extension cords for anyone who might need some.

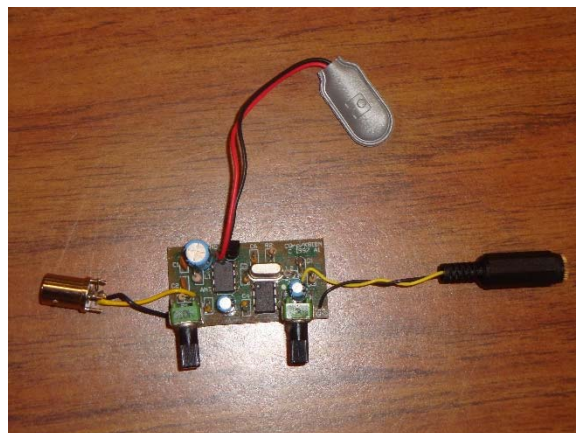


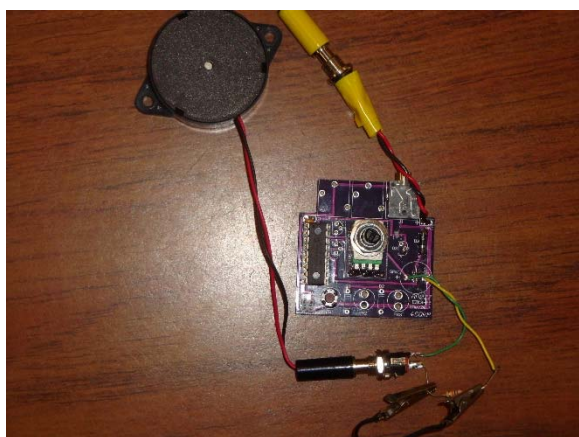
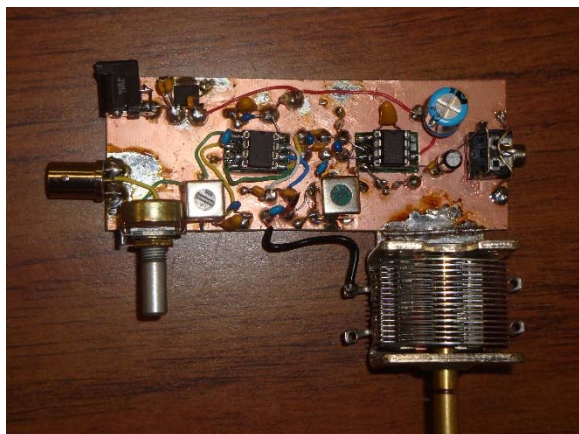
Craig Siegenthaler, W7BGO, brought in a project he has been working on for a while now. It is based around a Norcal Sierra radio and includes a tuner, internal LiPo batteries and solar cells on the top. It puts out 1 – 2 watts and he has worked Greenland and Surinam with it. He also explained how is building a wire beam Yagi using plastic clothes hangers for spacers/insulators.



Craig Johnson, AA0ZZ, brought in a simple 40 meter receiver. This was a kit that is no longer in production. Craig suggested we design a board with a case and perhaps make it a club project. He also brought in a more elaborate

receiver he had bread boarded. Craig also updated us on the latest changes to his keyer. This increases the side tone volume considerably. He demonstrated the change using a couple different speakers.





Ron Dodge, K0TC, brought in a connector he uses to tune his Delta loop for 160 meters. Ron reports good success with this with many 160 contacts.



September Presentation

Chuck Stroud, KA8HDE, spoke on the subject of Why I QRP. Chuck told us of his own adventure of rediscovering ham radio, learning the code and the lure of QRP. He also reminded us that QRP operation is not limited to CW and that at one time, QRP was considered to be anything less than 100 watts!!

Chuck provided many useful resources – kits, clubs, code assistance. Check his slide presentation out for a full list of these references.

Great presentation!! Thank you!!



Respectfully submitted,
Steve, NW0C

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